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## Washington State Patrol Hosts Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Career Camp

Applications are currently being accepted for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Washington State Patrol-Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Career Camp to be held at the WSP Academy in Shelton July 19 through July 25, 2008. Applications can be downloaded from the internet on the WSP Home Page under "In the Community."

WSP and other police departments provide officers as staff members to instruct and serve as counselors. This gives the students a variety of experiences and exposure to federal, state, county and local law enforcement as a possible career path. This academy is sponsored and paid for by the Washington Kiwanis clubs.

Some of the most popular classes are demonstrations from the SWAT team, K-9, driving course, and defensive tactics. Guest speakers from various agencies provide first hand information to the students.

The purpose of the camp is to provide selected high school juniors and seniors, with an interest in law enforcement, an opportunity to explore the various job opportunities in that field. It offers exposure to problems encountered by law enforcement officers on a daily basis and shows how to handle these situations in a professional manner. Many students who attend the academy go on to have careers in the criminal justice field



